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Cover Story

EASTERN ORTHODOX 'UNION' SERVICE. In a packed St. George's Greek Orthodox Church in Toronto, Canada, Greek Metropolitan Athenagoras of Canada is shown, surrounded by priests, deacons, altar-boys, choir, and worshippers of some five Eastern Orthodox Churches in a true, Pan-Orthodox Vesper Service, that was held on the Feast of Orthodoxy eve, Saturday, February 25th, 1961. One might wonder what is so remarkable about this? The answer is: - this is the first time in history that this has occurred, in Canada.

Participating were the clergy and people of the Greek, Russian, Rumanian, Syrian, Serbian jurisdictions. (Absent was the Ukrainian - ED.) The various tongues of the different national groups were all in use during the Vespers. The Metropolitan also blessed the traditional five loaves of Bread, at the conclusion, and also delivered a sermon, in English, on the 'Treasure of the Christian Orthodox People'.

In the Holy Trinity Russian Cathedral, Boston, Albanian Bishop Mark of Lefki ccelebrated Orthodox Sunday Vespers with Greek Bishop Meletios; also participating were many (continued on back cover, p.24) -

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH FOREIGN

PAN-ORTHODOX COUNCIL TO DEBATE UNION WITH ARMENIANS & COPTS IN '61. Union of the Armenian Apostolic and Coptic Churches, with the Eastern Orthodox Church, will be a major topic at the Pan-Orthodox Council at the Isle of Rhodes in August, 1961.

This phase of the ecumenical movement was announced by Bishop Emilian Timiadis, permanent representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the World Council of Churches' headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. He made the announcement in an interview in Athens, late last month.

Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras has said that we have no reason to be separated from the Armenian and Coptic Churches, and is sure that a committee of representatives of all the churches concerned will easily prepare the ground for union', Bishop Emilian said.

Bishop Emilian also said that the forthcoming Council will be a milestone for Orthodoxy, since no such meeting has been held since 1930; in that year, a preliminary conference was held for the purpose of preparing an agenda for a Pan-Orthodox Council. He explained that one of the reasons for the last year's postponement of the Council was due to the fact that the Russian Orthodox Church declined to take part; this, however, he said, has been rectified by the recent meeting of Athenagoras and Patriarch Alexei of Moscow - the Russians have now agreed to participate.

An additional matter to be discussed at the Council is 'the problem of Orthodox migration and the ways in which believers can maintain close bonds with their Churches in the new countries in which they have settled', he said.

• The Armenian Orthodox number over two millions and are principally under the jurisdiction of the Catholicos of Etchmiadzin in Soviet Armenia. The Copts are found mainly in Egypt and Ethiopia, each of which has its own Patriarchate. - ED.

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ISRAEL GIVES FORMAL RECOGNITION TO ARMENIAN ORTHODOX PATRIARCH. Armenian Apostolic Patriarch Yegishe Derderian of Jerusalem was given formal recognition by the Israeli government at impressive ceremonies last month. Elected last June, he had previously been given similar recognition by King Hussein of Jordan.

Patriarch Derderian, colorfully robed, received the formal 'writ of recognition' from the Ministry of Religious Affairs. He was also given a silver-bound Bible, that had been produced in Jerusalem. The Patriarch expressed his concern over Israel and wished it 'continued peace and prosperity'.

• The Armenian Community in Israel numbers 900 and is divided into nine communities in the various towns. - ED.

• Christians of all sorts in Israel number about 40,000. Greek Orthodox, Catholics, and

Arab Anglicans head the list in individual, total strength. Mission work is not rewarding in Israel, as there are few conversions - the Christian population stems principally from indigenous peoples, rather than from 'new arrival' Jews. The YMCA has remarkable buildings; its membership is 95% Jewish, averaging some 2,900. The 'Y' services draw large numbers of non-Christians, because of the extensive physical, social and educational programs it carries on. - ED.

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70 MORE SCROLLS FOUND IN CAVE NEAR DEAD SEA. An amateur archeologist has discovered a new hoard of Dead Sea Scrolls that scholars believe may surpass anything uncovered so far in Israel and Jordan, relating to the period of Simon Bar-Kochba, leader of the last Jewish revolt against the Romans in the 2nd century.

This word was flashed to the world by Professor Yigael Yadin, Israeli archeologist, who is heading some 160 scholars, soldiers, and volunteers on a painstaking exploration of the Judean desert area near the Dead Sea. Among the explorers are a Greek Orthodox monk, a Japanese student from the Hebrew University, and a young Danish Protestant farmer.

The startling discovery was made when one of the expedition stumbled over a rock, dislodging it and revealing, thereby, a long reed-like sheath, in which 70 fragile, papyrus documents were stored.

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ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH CONSECRATES TWO NEW GREEK BISHOPS. Two Greek Orthodox priests were consecrated bishops at a service in the Patriarchal Church of Saint George, Istanbul, Turkey, at a service presided over by Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, spiritual leader of Eastern Orthodoxy.

The newly consecrated were Archimandrite Maximos Repanellis, principal of Halki Greek Orthodox Theological School, and Father Chrysostom Constantinidis, professor of Theology at that same institution. Both will continue in their present posts, as bishops.

Bishop Maximos was named Metropolitan of the Titular See of Stavroupolis; Bishop Chrysostom was designated Metropolitan of the Titular See of Myron. Bishop Chrysostom was especially commended for his efforts and services to the Ecumenical Patriarchate on behalf of the work performed towards the Pan-Orthodox and Pan-Christian subject.

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GREEK ORTHODOX THEOLOGIAN DENIED VISA TO WEST GERMANY. The Bonn government, West Germany, invited Archpriest George Perounkis to visit the religious and cultural centers of their country. (The priest is well-known as a leading theologian of Greece as well as for his many social and pastoral activities.-ED.) He was to have been accompanied by Professor Constantine Bonis, of the theological faculty of Athens University, and Anthony Karantonis, novelist and newspaper columnist.

The Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church in Greece refused to approve the exit permit, or application for visa; the Synod also refused to give any reason for its action.

One newspaper immediately revealed that the Synod's action was due to the fact that 'certain bishops have been offended because the invitation was given to a priest and not to a bishop'.

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RUSSIAN ORTHODOX JOURNAL PRAISES WCC WORK FOR PEACE. The 'Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate', official publication of the Russian Orthodox Church, carried an article recently commending the World Council of Churches for its work in easing 'international tension and promotion of world peace'. The article was by-lined: Professor Shishkin, professor of theology at Leningrad Theological Academy.

The author tries to portray the task of the WCC as being one of maintaining 'Christian con-

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acts between the churches, and to remind Christian people all over the world that loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ as founder of the Christian Church takes precedence over all other considerations'.

Prof. Shishkin also highlights that the ecumenical movement is playing an important role in trying to keep the Christian conscience free from tendentious political passions, which often colored it in the past, and which prevent western Christians from forming contacts with Orthodox churches in the socialist states'. He added: 'we are assured that the World Council is absolutely independent of any governmental authority of political party.....(even though)..... the churches which are members of the World Council are living under widely differing social and political systems and.....political conditions...diametrically opposed to one another'.

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BEST GERMAN PROTESTANTS WARN AGAINST MOSLEM-CHRISTIAN MARRIAGES. Protestant authorities in West Germany have issued a leaflet that points out the grave consequences involved in Moslem-Christian marriages between German Christian girls and Arab Moslem men. (The problem has become enlarged and acute, due to the tremendous number of students from Moslem countries that are presently enrolled at West German Universities.-ED)

The leaflet indicates that Christian girls lack knowledge of the true position of women in the Moslem society; that they tend to see in the Moslem an ideal mate who lives in good financial conditions, who promises them a paradise in his home country, who is an extremely charming lover, - in short, a fairy-tale prince with a fairy-tale castle.

The facts they fail to realize, states the leaflet, are comprised of the following:

- 1.All Moslem marriages are 'contracts' of State law, in which the man has almost exclusive rights.
- 2.Moslem men may have up to four wives, plus unlimited numbers of concubines.
- 3.There is no such thing as adultery for a Moslem man; but a wife may be imprisoned, or even stoned, for a similar offense.
- 4.A Moslem man may banish his wife, at any time; while wives have virtually no chance to obtain a divorce; if she did obtain a divorce, the children must go to the father.
- 5.A Moslem man never appears in public with his wife; she, in turn, cannot leave her house without his permission and is a prisoner in a harem.
- 6.The Moslem 'fairy-castle' often turns out to be a village clay-hut.

The leaflet shows that a wife, who seeks to return to Germany, may not do so, because passports are issued to wives only upon request of the husband. The German consular posts have reported a steadily increasing wave of requests from German wives, in Moslem lands, to be allowed to have help from their problems. The German authorities have no power to do so and the women have no hope.

DOMESTIC



THE CHURCH AND KENNEDY'S 'PEACE CORPS'. In spite of repeated Press and TV-radio publicity to the 175,000,000 Americans, only 20,000 applications have been written for to date, for admission to the highly dramatized youth 'Peace Corps' of the Kennedy Administration. This is a response of less than one-seventieth of 1% of the nation's population.

As much as both Protestant and Roman Catholic agencies already have numerous youth programs of work, in the international community, it has been suggested that these same agencies

will, very likely, receive aid, in terms of 'personnel', from the so-called 'Peace Corps'. That this is already being planned by Catholic groups is apparent from a March 12th, 1961 editorial comment in the 'Register': - 'The government, while having its own corps, should aid the private groups, which have the idealism no money can buy'. Also, in connection with this thought, it must be mentioned that the Roman Catholic bishops of 20 Latin American countries have been told that the Church is organizing the 'Papal Volunteers in Latin America' (PAVLA), which will be composed of volunteer lay leaders - the responsibility for the administration of this latter program is vested in the Latin American Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington D.C.

Prominent Roman Catholic layman, R. Sargent Shriver, is heading the 'Peace Corps'. He was so designated by his brother-in-law, President Kennedy.

Commenting on the 'Peace Corps', Rep. Frances Bolton of Ohio said that it is a 'terrifying thing'. The 20-year veteran of the U.S. Congress is a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and ranking minority member of the subcommittee on Africa. She said that 'They (the administration) are going too fast.....without an understanding of the places they are going....we will wreck the whole world.....it takes a good year to train competent people.'

Rep. W.S. Broomfield of Michigan said that it is most interesting that applicants for the 'Peace Corps' are 'being cleared' by Democratic organizations in their home areas. He said this will turn into becoming a 'war machine' against the Republican Party.

Rep. Katherine St. George of N.Y. said that Kennedy's administration represents the nations' 'social and political glamour pussies who make the headlines and are the darlings of TV and Hollywood....and that the real power of the administration is not the starry-eyed kids just out of Harvard, but trusty old Democratic hacks, who probably counted the votes in Cook County, Ill.'

- Besides Church Missions overseas, there are a number of voluntary doing 'Peace Corps' work, without government help. These are: American Friends Service Committee, the Unitarian Service Committee, the Near East Foundation, Experiment in International Living, MEDICO, American Korean Foundation, International Volunteer Service, etc. - ED.

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ORTHODOX CLERGY SERVE AS GUEST CHAPLAINS TO U.S. SENATE. In two separate observances, dedicated to freedom and independence, Eastern Orthodox clergy led the U.S. Senate in prayer, last month.

In commemoration of the lost freedom of the people of Soviet-occupied White Russia, Archbishop Vasili of New York, head of the Byelorussian Autocephalic Orthodox Church in the USA served as guest chaplain to the Senate. In his prayer he asked for God's blessings on the law-givers and leaders of the U.S.A., in their strivings to build truth and freedom thruout the world.

On the occasion of the 140th anniversary of Greek Independence from the Turks, Father George Bacopulos, director of interchurch relations for the Greek Archdiocese, offered a prayer of thanks for the great blessings of liberty that both Greece and the U.S. enjoy. He petitioned that the citizens of the free nations ever be conscious of the sacrifice that it took to secure that freedom, by their forefathers. Following his prayer-message, both Senators Keating and Kuchel addressed the Senate on the import of the anniversary date of Greek Independence.

- March 25th, 1821 is observed as Greek Independence Day thruout the country and the world wherever Greeks are present. - ED.

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VATICAN DEFEATS INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONVENTION PROVISION. The last minute objection of Vatican delegates to the 70-nation conference, in Washington D.C., on a new International Convention Against Narcotics, brought about the defeat of a key provision
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It would have recommended civil commitment of known narcotic addicts to hospitals. The reason that the Vatican, which participated as a 'sovereign state' in the deliberations, gave their objection was that it might interfere with 'basic human rights'.

3. Federal Narcotics Commissioner Harry J. Anslinger said that the 'Vatican must now oppose civil commitment for insane persons, or for alcoholics, or epileptics, since this, too, could be subject to the same abuse'. He added: 'We have been meeting for nine weeks, and during that time the Holy See had no one present. They had a copy of the original draft convention.....and voiced no objection. At the last minute, when delegates were preparing to vote, and more than one-third were absent, they came in with the statement, and, of course, Catholic delegates had no objection but to follow the position of their Church'. (Of the 70 nations, 26 'abstained', as they are 'Catholic' countries; 27 other countries had no delegates present, because of an emergency session of the General Assembly of the U.N. on the Congo question of March 21st. The final vote was, thus, 10 to 7. - ED.) In this fashion, the Soviet bloc was actually the victor, with the 'strong assist' from the Vatican.

4. Anslinger explained that the most effective way to combat addiction is to commit an addict to a hospital, rather than to a prison, or the way of 'paroling' them back to the streets.

The principle of 'basic human rights' is apparently invoked for reasons other than known to intelligent people. When a person is completely an 'addict', he doesn't even know what it means to have a 'basic human right', because his senses are too obscured. Certainly to let him wander the streets, a target of the narcotic traffic and potential murderer for the necessary funds to purchase same, is not good sense, nor is it Christian. - ED.

5. In another instance of 'Vatican interference', the 14th World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization saw the endorsement of 'planned parenthood', as a preventive health measure, defeated, 31 to 18, in New Delhi, India last month. There were 25 'abstentions'. The 'line-up' of the 'purple curtain' countries was centered around Spain, Belgium, France, Portugal, and, of course, the Holy See. - ED.

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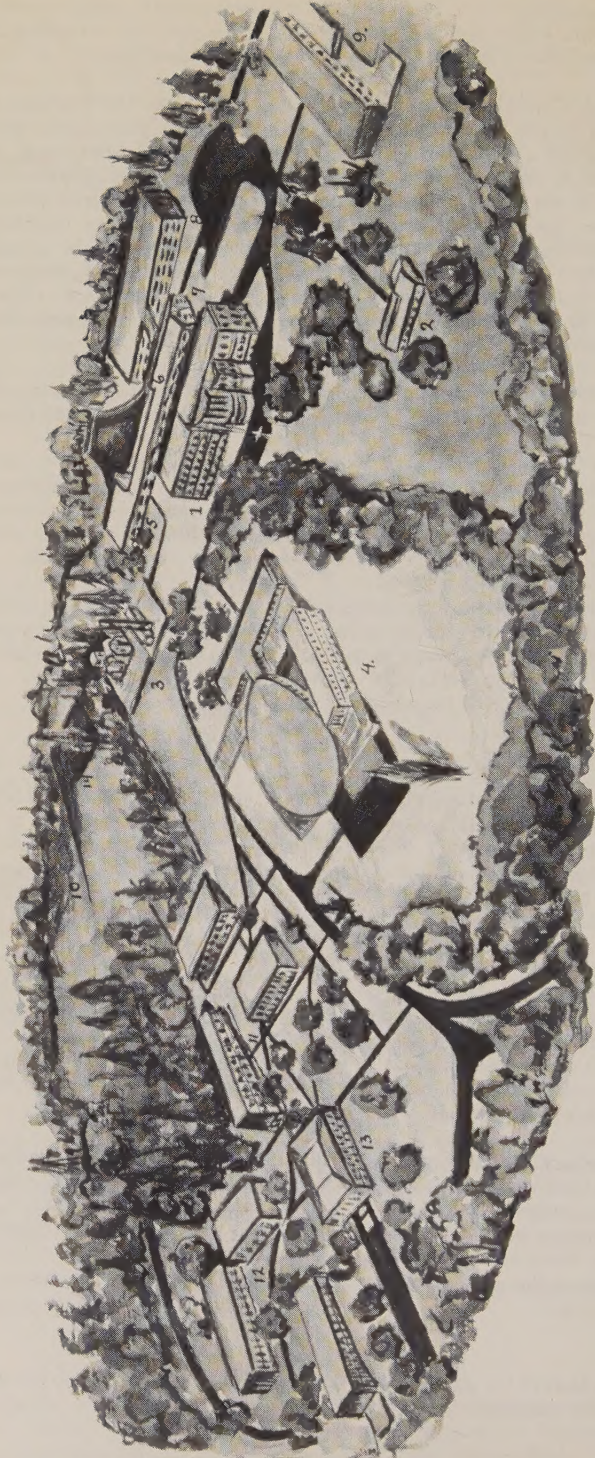
HELLENIC UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION MOVES AHEAD WITH PLANS. Archbishop Nikos met with the Executive Board of the Hellenic University Foundation last month in Worcester, Mass., for the purpose of discussing plans for the forthcoming national drive to enlarge the Holy Cross Theological School into an institution of higher learning. The pending drive will seek to raise an estimated million dollars for immediate expansion of the present school facilities. To this end, the entire month of May, 1961, is being set aside as 'Theological School - Hellenic University Month'.

In the first issue of the Foundation's new publication, 'Philomatheia', which was previewed at the above meeting, the plan of the University was depicted in a sweeping, graphic drawing of the buildings; four of these buildings are presently in use, with one other under construction. Thus, a total of eight additional buildings is planned, at this time. To accomplish this, pledges, of any amount, are being solicited by the Foundation. (Such gifts may be sent to the Foundation Office, 50 Goddard Ave. Brookline 46, Mass. - ED.)

6. Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras made the following statement on the plan: 'The decision to establish the first Greek Orthodox University in America is a great and historic event. It creates horizons dreamt of by man for centuries, and returns to life the ideals of a great and ancient age whose civilization guides and shall guide for eternity the destiny of mankind. When completed, the Hellenic University of America will be recorded by future historians as the greatest single contribution for the perpetuation of Greek culture in the 20th Century.'

7. An artist conception of the Proposed Hellenic University is shown on the next page, along with a 'key' to the buildings, both planned and in use. - ED.

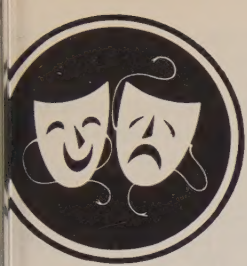
THE PROPOSED HELLENIC UNIVERSITY



- 1. Administration-Faculty Residence x
- 2. President's House x
- 3. Archbishop Michael Chapel x
- 4. Center for Byzantine Arts x
- 5. Gymnasium x
- 6. Pappas Classroom Building x
- 7. Cotsidas-Tona Library x

- 8. Science Building
- 9. Additional Classrooms
- 10. Outdoor Sports Stadium
- 11. & 12. Residence Halls Quadrangle
- 13. Student Union
- 14. Parking Area

x - 'In use, or under construction'



IN THE COURTS



ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS ACTS TO CLEAR-UP DEPORTATION QUESTION. A deposition from Archbishop Iakovos, head of the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America, was introduced by the Dep't of Justice into deportation hearings against William G. (Big Bill) Lias of Wheeling, W.Va., race track owner and alleged gambling syndicate chief.

The deposition was believed without precedent in judicial proceedings. In it, the prelate stated that, insofar as the Greek Orthodox Church is concerned, a baptismal certificate introduced by Lias, in an attempt to prove American birth, is not valid.

Lias had claimed that he was born in Wheeling in 1900. The government contends he was born in Greece and, as a naturalized citizen convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, is subject to deportation. The government proved that the Greek priest, that issued the baptismal certificate, did not arrive in the U.S. until 1906 and that he couldn't have baptized Lias until then. Hence, the 1900 date on the certificate was fraudulent.

Archbishop Iakovos confirmed the government stand by stating that the Church never pre-dates a certificate, as it would be improper, and hence the certificate is not valid.

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SAVATION ARMY TO RUN DETENTION HOME FOR JUVENILE COURT. The Salvation Army will establish a detention home in Hot Springs, Ark., for delinquent boys; this is being done at the request of the Garland County Juvenile Court.

Judge Henry Murphy called upon the Salvation Army to provide care for the youths, while they await disposition of their cases.

The Salvation Army will receive \$100 monthly from the Garland County Quorum Court, but the officials said this would not be enough to finance the home; probably only enough to provide the food. The remaining funds will be provided by the Salvation Army and the SA's Auxiliary, which will furnish the home.

It would be a positive step forward if the courts of the land would ask that all Faiths establish detention homes, of their own, to render temporary care, especially for the growing 'teen-age' delinquents, both boys and girls. In this way, the churches could prove that they have an 'interest' in their own 'problem children'. - ED.

To show the constructive, and unselfish, work of what one denomination is doing, look at the activity of the 'Friends of Plainfield Meeting, N.J.' As reported in the 'Friends Journal' of last month, laymen of this Meeting have, for seven years, been undertaking a program of 'prison visitation'. Thruout the years, it has grown and grown, until other 'Meetings' have been asked to participate. Some three State Prisons are presently included in the program, which has resulted in a great variety of results, many of them rewarding. The point is, - visitation to the 'imprisoned, the sick, the broken-hearted' is also 'visitation' to Christ. Yet, few church bodies, excepting chaplains, have shown themselves willing to make personal, non-fee, visitations, thru the laity, to these same 'imprisoned' brethren.

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COURT UPHOLDS AMERICAN INDIAN IN CEMETERY SUIT. An American Indian woman's suit to be buried beside her Swedish-American husband, in a Minneapolis (Minn.) cemetery, was upheld by the Minnesota Supreme Court last month.

The court affirmed a 1959 ruling by the Hennepin County District Court in favor of Mr. & Mrs.

D.E. Erickson of Minneapolis, who had legally contested the policy of Sunset Memorial Park that only white persons could be buried there. They had purchased the lot in 1955.

'We cannot believe,' the Supreme Court said, 'that a man's mortal remains will disintegrate any less peaceably because of the close proximity of the body of a member of another race, and in that inevitable disintegration....pigmentation of the skin cannot long endure'.

- Color bar is not the only bar that is in vogue among cemeteries. Certain cemeteries 'bar' their facilities to those who are 'not of their Faith'; their argument is that 'consecrated ground' would be 'desecrated' by 'outsiders' being buried there. - ED.

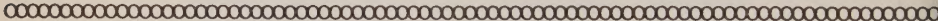
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RELIGION MUST NOT BE 'CONTROLLING FACTOR' IN CHILD CUSTODY SAYS COURT
The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled last month that differences in religion must not be a controlling factor in child custody cases; the court declared that the general welfare of the child must be the paramount consideration.

The ruling upheld the decision of the Huntington County Orphans Court that a divorced couple's infant son, baptized in the Roman Catholic faith, should remain in the custody of the Rev. and Mrs. B.C. White of Dublin Two, Pa. (Rev. White is pastor of an Assembly of God Church).

Mrs. Lillian Kish Bendrick, 24, of Hummelstown, gave her son, Michael Charles, then eight months, to the couple in September of 1959, when she and her husband were estranged. When they were divorced last year, the father immediately began legal action to get the child. He appealed the lower court's decision, which was against him.

The high court decision said, in part: 'Bendrick failed as a husband and as a father....religious training....while of great weight, is not controlling. As a general rule, courts should...place...a child with persons of the same religious faith, but,...(for)...the general welfare of the child, courts may....place the child in custody of persons of a different....faith, if the child's welfare demands....'



Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



Quick, do something about that venetian blind.



That was real bright. When he said our children should be reared in a Christian home, you screamed: You are not taking our kids away from us.

BLACK MUSLIMS' SUING NEW YORK STATE FOR 'RELIGIOUS LIBERTY'. A wide-spread legal attack on New York State's prison system is underway by Negro Muslim prisoners for 'religious liberty' privileges in those institutions.

Over a hundred such court actions have been brought by inmates; one judge described the flow of cases as a 'movement'; another has termed the suits as a 'concerted action..to test the powers of the State Correction Commissioner'. (Half of the 19,500 inmates of New York prisons are Negroes.-ED.)

Various actions have demanded such things as: i.Right to receive visits from officials of the Temple of Islam(N.Y.City) ii.Right to purchase a particular translation of the 'Holy Quran'; iii.Right to hold meetings within the prisons and to have a mosque therein.

The problem this creates for the State is in the scope of administrative trouble and expense, as well as in the possible growth of a dangerous and violent eruption in the prison system.

Dr.C.E.Lincoln, professor at Clark College in Atlanta,Ga., stated that the Black Muslim movement is 'viciously and outspokenly anti-white, anti-Christian, anti-integration, and anti-American.....a Ku Klux Klan in reverse'. He said they have 100,000 members in 71 temples and are striving to infiltrate Negro churches and colleges. He stated that the 'Black Muslims have some of the best legal brains in the U.S. trying to figure out how much money the federal government owes descendants of slaves up to the time of the Emancipation Proclamation.....when they find out, they intend to embarrass America before the world, then ask for land on which Muslims can settle and have their own community'. On the good side, he said they operate two 12-grade schools in Chicago and Detroit, with others planned for the East; in addition, they have done a 'remarkable job' in rehabilitating ex-convicts, drug addicts and alcoholics.

The movement was founded in Detroit, during the depressions of the 30's by a Moslem from the Near East, W.D.Fard. Dr.Lincoln said that, in the early days, a member was required to kill at least four white people. Fard vanished in 1934 and one Elijah Poole took over the movement; he now calls himself Elijah Muhammad; he runs the sect from Chicago headquarters. The full name of the body is the 'Lost-Found Nation of Islam in North America'; New York Temple is at 102 West 116th Street, from whence many of the inmates of New York prisons derive their religious strength. - ED.

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COURT UPHOLDS 'FIRING' OVER 'RELIGIOUS TIME OFF'. The Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court ruled, in Trenton, that no discrimination was involved in the firing of an employee dismissed for refusing to work certain days or hours because of religious beliefs.

In appealing the case had been Miss Shaena Temmelman of Flemington, 18-year old Orthodox Jew, who had been fired by the Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp. of Raritan for refusing to work on Saturdays, or after sundown in certain winter months.

Miss Temmelman asked \$55,000 in damages, but did not seek reinstatement in her old job. In ruling against her, the Appellate Division upheld a decision by Superior Court Judge Kingfield, who had dismissed the suit on grounds that the plaintiff's dismissal was not a violation of her civil rights under law. In his decision, Judge Kingfield had stated, in part: '...industries today are mass production facilities whereby they can ill afford to have any of the cogs of their machinery slowed up.'

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COURT'S DEFINITION OF 'BODY' IS BASIS OF COURT AWARD TO UNDERTAKER. The N.Y. Court of Claims' award of \$135,108 to an Albany undertaker was based on the definition of what a 'body' was. The 'definition' was made by a Roman Catholic priest.

The State of New York had hired Floyd F.Sorrentino, the undertaker, to remove all 'bodies' from an abandoned Catholic cemetery in Amsterdam,N.Y., which was in the way of a highway

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - - By Scheel

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A BIBLE
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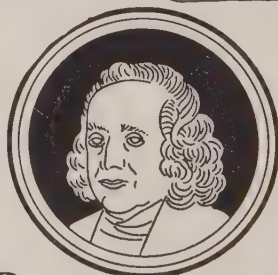
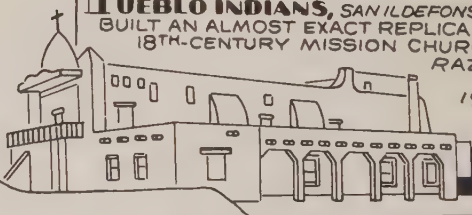


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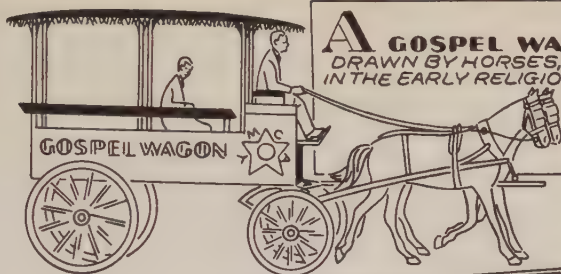
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BY CHARLEMAGNE
(742-814),
EMPEROR OF THE WEST.

PUEBLO INDIANS, SAN ILDEFONSO, N. M.,
BUILT AN ALMOST EXACT REPLICA OF AN
18TH-CENTURY MISSION CHURCH,
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REV. STEPHENHALES
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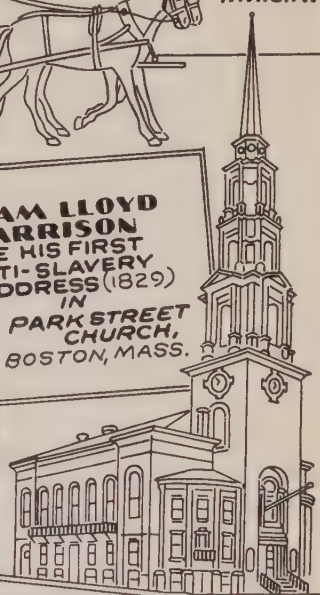
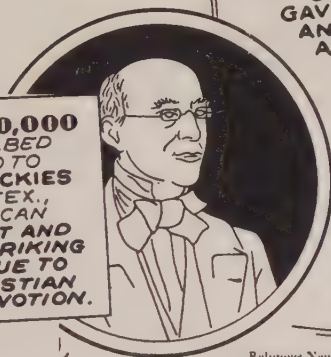
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OF THE
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WILLIAM LLOYD
GARRISON
GAVE HIS FIRST
ANTI-SLAVERY
ADDRESS (1829)
IN
PARK STREET
CHURCH,
BOSTON, MASS.



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CHRISTIAN
DEVOTION.



BLESSED SACRAMENT
CHURCH, STOWE, VT.,
WAS ERECTED TO THE MEMORY
OF BROTHER JOSEPH DUTTON,
WHO DEVOTED 44 YEARS OF HIS LIFE
SERVING THE LEPERS
OF MOLOKAI, HAWAII
AND WAS BORN
ON THE PROPERTY
WHERE THE CHURCH NOW STANDS.



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project. Mr. Sorrentino had contracted to remove all remains, at \$44.98 for each grave. The State had counted the graves and found only 90. Mr. Sorrentino, with the help of a Catholic priest, located almost 3,000. The cemetery had not been used for 60 years. When the State canceled the contract, after 2,839 'bodies' had been removed, the undertaker sued for 'breach of contract'. The Judge, Alexander Del Giorno, awarded the undertaker full damages, at the agreed price. The State has now appealed the decision.

In his decision, Judge Del Giorno reviewed the facts that the cemetery was owned by St. Mary parish and that Father Gilmour supervised the project of removal. In this process, Father Gilmour testified that the Church considered caskets, their 'outlines', bits of metal, screws, nails, and wood as 'remains'; he said that the Church regards all these as 'moral graves'. The Judge said, that, based on this testimony, he had no alternative but to consider that the 'remains' represented, in each case, 'someone,....whose soul might be in Heaven, but whose mortal remains, whether intact or reduced to ashes, are to remain here on earth until Judgment Day'.

The Appellate Division, to whom the case had been appealed, handed down a speedy set-back to the lower court 'reasoning'; the concept of Roman Catholic 'moral graves' was rejected and the award was reduced to \$52,671 (based on 1,171 bodies). The Appellate Division said that the priest did not give expert opinion, in the legal sense, 'either as an ecclesiastical authority or in the field of pathology'.

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COURT CASE REVEALS 'DISTORTIONS' PRACTICED BY CATHOLIC ABBE. A court hearing in the Lyons Palais de Justice, France, revealed that Abbe Paul Chaliel's translation of the novel 'Sequel to a Legend', by Anatoli Kuznetsov, contained 'falsifications', 'distortions' and 'omissions'.

The book, written by the Russian novelist, has been translated into some 20 languages; it is the story of a young man that goes to work in Siberia on an hydroelectric project and becomes a 'self-convinced' builder of Communism. The translation, by the Abbe, was shown to have been cleverly 'doctored' by the priest to make the book 'appear' to be a 'denunciation' of Communism, rather than a tribute to it, as the Russian author had intended. (The Russian writer personally testified in court as to the original intent and meaning that he had imparted to his work; he showed how the translation had 'distorted' his work.) It was also shown that the priest had deliberately 'omitted' various chapters, that particularly portrayed the essence of the book. The priest had translated the title of the book as 'Red Star in the Mist', instead of 'Sequel to a Legend'. He also had the cover with a Red Star over barbed wire.

The translation was being printed by 'Editions Emmanuel Vitte', publishing house of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Lyons, which is under Pierre Cardinal Gerlier. The publishing house was enjoined from any further printings and was fined an immediate \$200, for damages due to 'moral prejudices', by the court. The court upheld that the twisted and distorted translation of the original title was damaging to the author; it also appointed three experts to make a complete analysis of all other distortions, due to translation, in order to determine the amount of 'material damages', to be assessed later.

As the Russian propagandists were alerted to the occasion, an inquiry was made into the background and personality of Abbe Chaleil. To do this, the Russian Orthodox Patriarchate conducted an investigation. Part of the search for facts showed the following, which is a quote from the Russian Orthodox Church authority: Abbe Chaliel is 'a Vatican Catholic agent, camouflaged as an Orthodox priest - one of those from the special school in the Vatican, under the guidance of Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, which educates for so-called preaching in the Eastern countries'. The spokesman stated, also, that the Russian Orthodox clergy were 'highly indignant' at the 'dirty political machinations of the French clergy, which have taken place under the wing of the head of the French clergy. These machinations have nothing to do with the spirit of Christ'.

- The French authorities state that the Abbe is a priest of the 'Byzantine Russian Rite', one of several 'Uniate' bodies, under Rome. They are trained at a 'special school', known as 'The Russicum' in Rome. (This is short for 'Pontifical Russian College of the Byzantine

Rite') The 'school' is used to 'train' students for 'future work' in the USSR.

As an example of the 'undercover-masquerade' that various Roman priests utilize, in their endeavor to trick believing Orthodox into thinking that they are Orthodox priests, take the case of what is presently going on in Sao Paulo, Brazil. A swelling colony of refugee Russian Orthodox, who have come there from German prison camps - from China, Hong Kong, Shanghai -, is being infiltrated by the clever maneuvers of a Jesuit priest, who wears a beard, dresses like an Orthodox priest, speaks Russian, and in every other way (except the honest way) appears to be what he is. He has started two schools for the Russian children, since 1958. He calls his converted Benedictine monastery by the name of an Orthodox Saint - i.e. Colegio Sao Vladimir. As assistants, he has a Yugoslav and an Italian. For the girls, he has a group of three Ursuline nuns (one from Russia); this school is called the Russian Institute of St. Olga.

Another example of a similar activity is that in Athens, Greece, where a 'movement toward Catholicism' (as Rome terms it) was started by one John Hyacinthe Marengo in 1856, chiefly thru means of a periodical and the help of two dissident Greek Orthodox bishops. This movement never gained ground, but, in 1883, a young priest, Isaiah Papadopoulos, was sent there. In 1895, a group of Augustinians moved into Constantinople to 'man a seminary'. In 1912, Papadopoulos was designated a bishop, by the Pope. He was succeeded, in 1920, by Bishop George Calavassy, who is a native Greek and an alumnus of the 'Greek College in Rome'. He is working hard to subvert working girls, who come to Athens from outlying rural areas and who do not know of his true identity. (He wears complete Orthodox garments and regalia; speaks Greek; uses Orthodox Liturgy, etc.) Because of his subterfuges and constant 'masquerading', he has been haled into court some 24 times for deception. In 1930, the Ministry of Cults forbade him to wear Orthodox ecclesiastical garb in public; his priests were also placed under a similar injunction. Today, on the streets and in public, they must appear for what they really are: i.e.- Latin, Roman priests, trying to deceive the Orthodox believers. In 1957, Bishop Calavassy died; the Orthodox faculty of the University of Athens wrote the Pope asking that he not appoint a successor, on the basis that the work of these 'Uniates' was a base deception perpetrated on the Greek people. The Pope refused, and designated Bishop Hyacinthe Gad to be his successor. To sum up, in the words of a Catholic spokesman: 'In practically all things, save subjection to the Pope, the Byzantine Catholics are like the Orthodox'.

If an Orthodox priest 'masqueraded' as a Roman Catholic priest, in Rome, Spain, Latin America, etc., he would not only be arrested, but might be beaten to death by priest-led mobs, such as happens to even Protestant missionaries in Colombia, S.A., today - and they don't even dress like Roman priests. - ED.

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AND JURY URGES THAT PROSTITUTION BE MADE LEGAL. The Philadelphia, Pa., Grand Jury, for February, issued a strong recommendation that prostitution be made legal. Sixteen of the Grand Jury were eight men and thirteen housewives.

'Legalize areas for the purpose of prostitution.....register all prostitutes.....maintain a rigid medical health program where they are concerned and license houses where they operate...' - the recommendation, in part. The jurors also urged that lotteries and off-track pari-mutuel betting be legalized. The Ass't. D.A., Benjamin Paul said 'your report indicates you are honest in your thinking'.

Religious and civic leaders, as well as municipal officials in Phila., were not long in making their denunciations known. Methodist Bishop Corson said decent people 'will be shocked at the unabashed proposal...'. Mayor Dilworth observed the recommendations were not 'worthy of comment'. Police Commissioner Brown said the proposal would weaken the city's 'moral fiber'....and would 'compromise moral issues'. U.S. Representative Kathryn E. Granahan said 'Instead of legalizing prostitution.....we need more police action'.

In France, new measures have just been adopted to combat the two greatest social problems there, - those of alcoholism and prostitution. The government is reducing the number of bars allowed to operate, and is introducing a campaign to interest people in non-

alcoholic beverages; on prostitution, the government is broadening powers to punish all those who aid in 'procuring', or who make their living off of prostitutes - this includes proprietors of hotels, that cater to, or allow, prostitutes to use their facilities. Penalties to such proprietors, include large fines, loss of driver's license and passport, closing of the establishments for periods of 3 months to 5 years. Issuance of social and health certificates to prostitutes will henceforth be discontinued, as it is felt that these make it more difficult for a prostitute to change her way of life; social service facilities are also being set-up to aid prostitutes find a new way of life.

- F.B.I. chief Hoover released facts for 1960. He reported that crime is at a new peak, with percentage rise running from 14%(in smaller communities) to 11%(in less than a million population areas) to 9%(in large metropolitan areas). Robberies showed the largest pickup, with an 18% increase.
- The American Social Health Ass'n. claimed, in a report this month, that venereal disease has taken a sharp rise in the U.S. in the last four years - a rise of 192%. In New York City, the rise has been even greater - an astounding 300%. The increase was attributed to a 'break-down' in morality, 'promiscuity', not prostitution. Half of all cases occur in the age group of 15 year-olds to 24 year-olds.
- As one writer said: When the authorities cannot eradicate a social evil, such as prostitution, and Grand Juries want to have it legalize, then, by the same reasoning, we should also make 'burglary', 'robbery', and 'murder' legal, because they can't seem to be eradicated either. - ED.
- Massachusetts has a two-billion dollar, illegal gambling operation; this compares with total, retail sales in the state of about five-billions. (Nationally, illegal gambling totals about 25-billions annually.-ED.) That crime and legal gambling go hand-in-hand, is a well-known fact; for instance, the crime rate in Nevada, where all kinds of gambling is legalized, is the highest in the nation, percentage-wise. The Brooklyn, N.Y. Grand Jury said: 'Gambling is the very heartbeat of organized crime, both on a local and national scale'. Chief of Police, Los Angeles County, William Parker, said: 'Any society that bases its financial structure on the weaknesses of its people doesn't deserve to survive'. The U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. of Baltimore reported that 30% to 75% of 1947 embezzlement funds were motivated by gambling habits and debts. Studies of crime have shown that an illegal gambling exists only because local police give 'protection'.

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'BIAS' OF JUDGES AFFECTS DECISIONS. The average judge, trying a case, knows less about the law than the average lawyer, who argues the case before him. This was stated by a N.Y. University psychologist, at the meeting of the American Ass'n. for the Advancement of Science, late last year. He, Dr. Charles Winick, suggested that all judges be psychoanalyzed to uncover their buried biases.

Dr. Winick said that 'the 7,900 full-time judges are less likely to know the law as well as the 200,000 lawyers....the typical judge....likely...(never)...attended law school...(and if he did)...there are proportionally more...(from)...unapproved law schools than...of approved...'. He said that 'the judiciary is the only profession in our society for which there is no specific training or preparation....(political leaders approving candidates by nationality, race or religious reasons)...the tacit assumption...(being)...that the bench's composition...should be the same as the electorate'.

Two of the most interesting facts revealed thru study, Dr. Winick said, were: i. Two N.Y. judges faced with similar cases, showed different 'dismissal percentage rates', namely- 73% for one and 6% for the other; ii. Some judges have 'favorite numbers' in giving prison sentences: two of the most popular 'numbers' were three year sentences and seven year sentences.

Commenting on the report, Dr. MacNamara, secretary of the American Society of Criminology said 'I know of one lower court judge in New York, who is an alcoholic'; he explained that the

is more 'lenient' on drinkers, than if they were haled before another judge. He added he knew, also, of 'another lower court judge, who is a practicing, overt homosexual'. This judge, he said, is very harsh on homosexuals that are brought before him.

Corruption on the bench, in N.Y. State, has been manifest, in many instances over the years; how widely spread it is thruout the country, can only be revealed by study, thru recognized Crime Commissions. That it is there, is well-known; this was shown by facts uncovered by the Kefauver Senate Sub-committee. One attorney, in commenting on the situation, stated that an individual, to obtain justice, must 'make his own justice'.

May 1st, 1961, is set aside as 'Law Day - USA'. The American Bar Ass'n., along with 1400 state and local bar associations, participate in making the 'Day' known. The purpose of the 'Day' is to show that 'our system of liberty under law, and the preservation of the dignity and liberty of the individual' is in deep contrast to 'denial of human dignity and rights in large areas of the world'. The observance of the 'Day' is thru thousands of public programs, held in schools or public places; the programs vary from 'mock trials' to 'film showings', 'court room tours', 'discussions', 'essay and poster competitions', etc.

What is needed, perhaps, is an honest study of the 'bench', thruout the country, by these same 1400 bar ass'ns; lip service is fine, but correcting of abuses is essential to attain the stated purpose of 'preservation of the dignity and liberty of the individual'. The 'Bar' should see to it that 'politics' is eradicated from the 'Bench'; the efforts of the 'Bar' to eradicate 'segregation' in schools is hypocrisy, if they don't do away with violations of the same 'human rights and dignities' in the court room. - ED.

In Newark, N.J., a Greek-American Judge, T.A. Argyris, has recently advocated a plan to help 'nip juvenile delinquency in the bud'. He feels that visits to courtrooms, as a part of the regular school curriculum, would aid in instilling a feeling of respect for the law, before opposite sentiments had taken root. In his words: 'democracy in any form can succeed and last only in a population, which, by character and training, respects and is obedient to constituted authority. Respect for law and order has been the heritage of this nation, but....the preservation of this heritage requires constant vigilance.' In keeping with this, the magistrate sentenced a 20-year old, charged with creating a disturbance in a restaurant, to appear at court for eight consecutive Mondays.

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'WILD PHOTO RING' EXPOSED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENT. After months of investigation, a Federal Grand Jury in Chicago, Ill., finally issued an indictment against 52 individuals on charges of conspiracy to mail obscene matter, or of sending same by the mails. The number involved would have been greater, but many agreed to submit to psychiatric treatment to avoid prosecution. Some 750 members of two 'clubs' were involved.

Operating under the name of 'Adonis Male Club' and 'International Body Culture Ass'n.', the clubs catered to homosexual men, who were preying on teen-agers. Members of the 'clubs' changed pictures and used the mails to organize 'orgies'. Postal inspectors said that the meet of the Club was young boys, aged 13 and older'.

Postmaster General, A.E. Summerfield, in January, amplified the charges by stating that, 'In a Nation, we cannot allow such men (many were college professors, high school teachers, grade school teachers, teachers from private academies, etc.-ED.) to entrench themselves in places where their evil can be brought to bear on the character-building of our young boys. We must alert parents to the dangers of this type of perversion'.

An Attorney for Northern Illinois, R. Tieken, said 'It is about time the educational system, and boards of directors of educational institutions, take an extremely serious look at this atrocious practice and bring it to a stop.....We don't expect we can stop the fundamental practices, but we will do all we can to get it out of the schools.'

New Mexico's controversial legislative proposals to legalize sodomy, in certain cases, has

been shelved for the current session of the State Legislature. The bill had been attacked responsible groups because of the evident catering to the 'advancement of decadence'. -

- Sodom, Gomorrah, ancient Rome, etc. - they all fell before the same 'scourge'. - ED.

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METHODIST RETIREMENT HOME DENIED TAX EXEMPTION. Willamette View Manor large retirement home in Oregon that is operated by the Methodists, must pay county taxes ruled the Oregon Supreme Court last month.

In denying tax exemption, which is usually given to charitable institutions, the court said the home 'was not only free from debt, but operating without loss and rendering no species of charitable service to any persons'. In addition, the court stated that 'the dominant and controlling motive of the manor was primarily to benefit the founders economically and not with a purpose or means of furthering works of charity'. The court noted that people in the home pay for the room and board.

- In Nashville, Tenn., the Methodist Publishing House was assessed about \$25,000 in taxes annually, because an estimated 50% of the operation involved 'the same business as commercial publishers'.
- Also in Nashville, the same Methodist Publishing House has been forced to take a National Labor Relations Board ruling to the Courts for adjudication. The NLRB had ruled that the Publishing House had discharged three men 'because of a belief that each of them was active in behalf of the unions' and were trying to 'unionize' the Publishing House. The Methodist group, however, said the NLRB knows very well that they are 'not guilty of the unfair labor practice as charged' and that the men had been discharged solely for unsatisfactory service.
- A few years back, Cardinal Spellman employed seminarians to 'break a strike' of grave diggers in the New York Archdiocese; the NLRB not only did not hold hearings, but the unions, themselves, took no action, other than vocal complaint. - ED.
- 'Retirement homes' for Catholic clergy, etc. are operated, mainly, by members of the religious orders; as such, they are under the 'oath of poverty' and the establishments are considered as 'religious areas'; on this basis, escape from taxes is easily obtained, whereas the non-Catholic establishments are assessed. Is this the 'equal rights' principle in practice?

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ITALIAN EDITOR SENTENCED FOR ATTACKING THE VATICAN. An Italian weekly newspaper editor was given a five-month suspended sentence by a Rome court for asserting in an article that the Vatican had interfered in Italian civil politics.

Arrigo Benedetti, editor of the weekly 'Espresso', was convicted under Article 297 of the Italian Penal Code, which provides sentences of up to three years for 'whoever on Italian soil offends the honor and prestige of the head of a foreign state'.

Mr. Benedetti made the assertions May 22, 1960, while commenting on the widely-discussed statement in the Vatican daily 'Observatore', of four days earlier, which upheld the right of the Church to guide faithful who are in the field of politics.

The editor charged that the Pope and the Roman hierarchy were limiting the freedom of the Italian citizen and were behaving unconstitutionally by interfering in Italian civil affairs and demanding the obedience of Catholic citizens to ecclesiastical directives in political decisions.

- The Vatican hierarchy often claims they are 'spiritual leaders', not a 'political state'; they demand 'ambassadors' from other Nations and cause enforcement of laws banning

criticism of them, under pain of punishment. When a State Religion, in other lands, takes a similar stand, to protect their 'interests', Rome claims it is 'bigotry'. Why is this? - ED.

A court in Sicily ruled, recently, that it is not an offense for an Italian to heckle a Roman Catholic priest during his church sermon, 'if the priest is talking politics'. The ruling was made under another 'church-manufactured' article of the Italian Penal Code, that provides for jail terms for anyone disturbing a Catholic priest at Mass or other religious ceremonies. The offense had arisen when Giuseppe di Bella had shouted, in church, to the priest: 'Don't hold a political rally - get on with the Mass'.

No action is taken, in Italy, when Protestant services are subjected to abuse. The same is true in Spain, Colombia, etc. Why does 'Christianity' only work 'one way'? - ED.

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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES' RUN 'FOUL OF THE LAW' IN EAST EUROPE. In four separate instances, one in Greece, others in Poland and East Germany, members of the sect of Jehovah's Witnesses' had 'run-ins' with the law.

In Greece, five 'Witnesses' were arrested for 'conducting a meeting in a house at Kalamaki'; the meeting, in this suburb of Athens, was attended by some 40 persons. The complaint charged the 'Witnesses' with 'trying to convert Greek Orthodox adherents'. Police also seized copies of 'Awake' and 'Tower'.

In Communist Poland, a leader of the 'Witnesses' was convicted on a charge of illegal distribution of literature and sentenced to six years in prison. William Schneider had previously served years of a 'life sentence' for 'engaging in subversive activities'.

In East Berlin, two 'Witnesses' were sentenced to 30 months' hard labor for distributing material 'agitated against the Soviet'. The sect has been condemned as an instrument of 'American imperialism' and as a 'religious espionage organization'. Under the Nazis, the 'Witnesses' were condemned for 'harboring Communists in their midst'.

In Thessaloniki, Greece, two women Jehovah's Witnesses received four month prison sentences for trying to 'convert a Greek professor of theology' at Thessaloniki University. According to the prosecution, the women visited the home of the unnamed professor and tried to explain certain biblical passages to him in the light of their sect's teachings. The professor locked them in his office, while he called police.

If one cannot 'hear' what others have to say, and reason with them, then 'democracy' is already lost in the world; it is especially lost in the countries that claim to have 'democracy'. - ED.

'Pravda', the official journal of the party's Central Committee in the Soviet, stated in a recent issue, according to EPS, that leaders of various Christian groups in Russia have been accused of frequent violations of Soviet law in proselytizing and expanding religious and church social activities. Singled out, particularly, were the Pentecostal and Jehovah's Witnesses groups; they were accused of 'political lack of loyalty', caused by a lack of 'political maturity'. The publication called for an increase in 'atheistic and scientific education'.

In Greece, the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church called on the Greek people to not read the heretic messages written by the head-sectarian Spiros Zodhiates'. In a 1700 word encyclical, the Synod urged: 'Don't touch anti-Orthodox pamphlets or books, and if you already have such publications, burn them at once'. 250,000 copies of the encyclical carried the message, that continued: 'Shut your doors to heretic visitors. Be careful of those who come to impart to you their heretic misbeliefs under guise of material aid.' The message was signed by Archbishop Theoklitos of Athens, and 12 bishops of the Synod. The Synod also declared that only Greek Orthodox may use the title of 'Reverend'; all others must use the term: 'pastor'. The Synod said, however, that 'exceptions' may be made for clergy

of the 'Anglican' and Roman Catholic persuasion, who may use the title of 'Reverend'. Mr. Zodiates has been publishing 'Gospel messages' in Greek newspapers for two years; for using the title of 'Reverend', in the advertised messages, he received a 45 day prison sentence.

- There are two points that should be quite clear here: i. Greece was the 'cradle of democracy'; obliteration or hampering of other religions is not democracy, but is patterned after fascism or communism, both of which use those methods. ii. Free criticism of other religions, that abuse human freedom and dignity, is part of the democratic process. AREO has sometimes been accused of being 'anti-Roman Catholic'; nothing is farther from the truth. AREO is 'anti-fascist' and opposed to any 'un-democratic' methods. If abuses are not exposed and condemned, democracy will fast disappear, as will the great American Life that we all are privileged to enjoy.
- Eastern Orthodoxy should have no part with 'oppression' of others; it should stand for all elements of righteousness, but should 'root-out and destroy' the so-called 'anti-Christ' elements, that would subvert people to complete 'thought-control' mechanisms. Orthodoxy should also expose and delineate all attempts that are made to 'erode' the process of democracy; this can be done thru outspoken criticism; Christ, himself, spoke out boldly against evil-doers. (Today he might be called 'anti-Semitic', because he attacked the Sadducees and others of the Temple hierarchy; the money-changers, he termed 'robbers' - the scribes and Pharisees he termed as 'an evil and adulterous generation' - in another place, he termed the Pharisees as 'hypocrites', as 'blind guides' leading the blind - in greater detail, elsewhere, he said: 'woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, who compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is become so, you make him twofold more a son of hell than yourselves.....ye tithe....but have left undone judgement, and mercy, and faith.....woe unto you.....full of extortion and excess....while ye build ye sepulchres,....outwardly...beautiful, but inwardly...full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so, ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly are full of hypocrisy and iniquity....ye serpents, ye offspring of vipers....'. Actually, then, Christ was not anti-Semitic; he was interested in seeing evil stopped and right principle put into activity. If he had not criticized the evil-doers, who outwardly appeared to be 'beautiful and whited...', the mass of people might not have recognized the existence of such hypocrisy; and, above all, the evil-doers, themselves, were uncovered and hence forced into taking steps, which led to their eventual undoing.) Thus it is today, then, exposure of 'evil-doers' immediately elicits a string of invectives from their 'fellow travelers', from the ignorant and uninformed, and from 'pollyanna do-gooders'. If one criticizes Communists, he receives praise (during the War, if one criticized Roosevelt's support of the Communists, he was condemned for being 'un-American'); if one criticizes Fascist Franco, he is condemned for being 'pro-Communist' (during the Roosevelt administration, one was lauded and expected to condemn Franco); if one supported Norman Thomas' Socialist Party, in the 1930's, he was considered 'un-American' (today, the present, so-called 'liberals' have already surpassed the aims of the old Socialist Party a hundred-fold); a few years ago, one could not criticize Trujillo and his 'kidnapping' of American soil (today, one can, with impunity, call him any name in the book). Everything is 'timing'; to be 'in favor' one must never criticize anything or anyone, who is, currently, in 'good standing'; if, later, the same situation 'falls out of favor', one is free to throw brick-bats in any old direction. One should note that when Roman Catholic publications attack the non-Catholic Christian bodies, with virulence and sting, no mention is made by the 'do-gooders', who fear the 'heavy hand of Rome' in reprisal. Journalists are filled with cowardice to speak-out; or they are ignorant of facts; or they are 'under great obligation' to conceal the facts in their writings. In the words of the great Voltaire: 'If you publish a book, a parish curate accuses you of heresy, a college sophomore denounces you, an illiterate condemns you, the public derides you, your publisher renounces you, and your wine dealer cuts off your credit. I always add to my prayer: 'Deliver me, O Lord, from the itch of bookmaking.'"

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CZECH PRIEST SENTENCED TO 6½ YEARS IMPRISONMENT. Father Juraj Duraj, a Roman Catholic priest in northern Slovakia, was sentenced to six and a half years' imprisonment for 'endangering the interest of the State', according to reports from Vienna.

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Duraj was found guilty of 'financial speculations and embezzlement'. The charges said he had written letters to Western countries, asking for financial help 'because of the situation of priests in Czechoslovakia' and 'received money from various Catholic organizations in Chicago, which he used for his personal purposes'.

Last year, a number of Roman priests and bishops, as well as Orthodox also, were put under arrest in Yugoslavia, on various charges; usually, the charges were that they had committed 'offenses against the State'. For instance, Roman Catholic bishop, Smiljan Kranjc Cekada, along with two priests, were tried for 'smuggling' industrial goods into the country, with a value in excess of \$125,000. All three received prison sentences, although the bishop's was 'suspended'.

In Moscow, a group of technical workers were arrested for secretly engaging in the printing and distribution of religious prayer books. This is a violation of the rigid government control over publication of religious books and tracts. The prayer books were being sold to Russian Orthodox believers for the equivalent of 50¢.

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AWARD OF \$105,478 TO LUTHERAN EMPLOYEE IS 'SET ASIDE'. A \$105,478 award to a discharged employee of 'Lutheran Brotherhood' (a fraternal life insurance society) was 'set aside' by District Judge Irving R. Brand (Hennepin County, Minn.). The lawsuit, which was about the award, had been brought in 1956 by Mrs. Stanley Cederstrand, 56, of Minneapolis.

Cederstrand intended that she had been wrongfully fired as cashier and personnel manager in 1955, after 33 years of 'faithful and devoted service'. She asked for damages for loss of salary to 1965, plus retirement benefits, thereafter. Her case was tried twice; the first time she was awarded \$65,997.15; the second trial (granted to the defendant body, by Judge Levi Hall) awarded her the \$105,478 award.

On the motion of the defendant, Judge Brand 'set aside' this second award on the basis that she had broken contract with the 'Brotherhood' and was, therefore, 'dischargeable at any time without cause'. He added that even 'devoted service' is no substitute for the essential element of a contract.

Cederstrand may now appeal this ruling to the State Supreme Court; if Judge Brand's ruling is set aside or reversed, she must stand a new trial once again.

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SWEDISH COURT FINES CLERGYMAN FOR REFUSAL TO MARRY DIVORCEES. The Rev. A. Hardelin, of the State Lutheran Church of Sweden, was fined 75 crowns by a court in Halmstad, central Sweden, for refusing to marry a couple because one of them was a divorced person. (Offenders may be fined up to 1,000 crowns and imprisoned for six months. ED.)

The law states that clergy of the national Church must marry all couples, desiring a church wedding, even if the partners have been divorced. The prosecutor stated, in the trial, that in such cases, the minister is considered to be a civil servant bound by civil law'. The minister said he was 'obeying the dictates of my conscience'.

The bishops of the State Church immediately petitioned King Gustav Adolf to grant clergy the right to refuse to marry divorced persons'.

Meanwhile, in neighboring Norway, Princess Astrid of Norway married a divorced common-law partner in a church ceremony of the State Church of Norway. The service was performed by Bishop Arne Fjellbu.

In an entirely different case, and different problems, former Lutheran Bishop Helander Strangnas, Sweden, has once again entered an appeal to the Swedish Supreme Court for a new trial. He had been found guilty in 1953, by a magistrate's court, for writing and dis-

tributing anonymous letters attacking the character of competing candidates for nomination to the Bishopric of Strangnäs; Dr. Helander won the nomination 'hands-down', but was then sued for libel and was dismissed from office.

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'IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY' FOR NON-PROFIT HOSPITALS NEGATED IN WISCONSIN
A 43-year old doctrine, granting non-profit hospitals immunity from damage suits, was knocked down by the Wisconsin Supreme Court in a case involving Doctor's hospital of Milwaukee.

In its ruling, in January, 1961, the court stated: 'we will no longer recognize the defense of charitable immunity in cases where a paying patient is seeking recovery from a charitable hospital for the negligent acts of the hospital, its agents, servants, or employees; and we hereby reverse all of our prior decisions inconsistent with this one'.

The court unanimously ordered trial of a damage suit brought by a 65-year old woman patient for injuries allegedly suffered when she fell out of bed.

The 'immunity doctrine' was established in a 1917 Supreme Court decision that held that non-profit hospitals, performing a quasi-public function in ministering to the poor and sick without profit should not be sued for damages by those they sought to help.

Naturally, in recent years, the trend is away from the 'doctrine of immunity', the Wisconsin Justices said. In addition, they stated that the Court, therefore, is not required to 'perpetuate a doctrine that should no longer be applicable in view of the changes in present day charitable hospitals.....(which today)....are larger in size, better endowed, and on a sounder economic basis.....Insurance, covering their liability, is available, and prudent management would dictate that such protection be purchased.'

- As a result of the decision, a hospital administrator predicted that liability insurance premiums would leap upwards, as well as a similar increase in damage suits. He also said that hospital charges would have to be increased to compensate for these new costs.

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JEWISH DIVORCES REPORTED 'ON THE RISE'. The traditionally low Jewish divorce rate is increasing so fast that it has almost reached the national average, declared Rabbi Mandelbaum, recently.

'From a relatively low rate of divorce, of one out of 10 marriages, the rate is nearing the one out of four national average', the rabbi reported. The report is based on the first 18-months operation of the new Marriage Counseling Bureau of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The rabbi is the director of the religio-psychiatric center of the Seminary.

The rabbi pictured the national divorce rate as hinging on 'alcohol and adultery' as the two main causes; in the Jewish divorce rate, however, he said 'our experience didn't reveal one case involving infidelity or alcohol. Rather, the biggest problem is failure of one partner to understand the emotional needs of the other'. It was also reported that the 'center' found there was 'no religious problem'; the task being one of bringing the people to recognize what their problem is, and then treating the situation with a combination of the best of ancient Jewish tradition, along with the best psychological techniques.

- Late last year, the Rabbinical Council of America announced it was launching this country's first religious court to deal with domestic problems within the Jewish community. Rabbi Twersky, director of public relations for the Council, said the court will 'operate regardless of synagogue affiliation and will be available to every Jew who seeks guidance and assistance'. (The Council is the largest Orthodox rabbinic group in the U.S.-ED.) The court will be composed of lawyers, judges, psychiatrists, and social workers. Known as 'Beth Din', the court will be in close communications with similar courts in Israel, Britain, and other European countries for the exchange of opinions and the standardizing of religious rulings. - ED.



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priests of other Orthodox churches of the area. Bishop Mark, in an address, said that Christianity 'today is almost a misconception of what Christ intended it to be....that the separate efforts....of many churches under the name of Christ.....have weakened the.....mission of Christ's Church'.

Writing in 'Solia', national Romanian journal, Father Vasile Hategan said, last month, that 'we are getting more and more converts in our Church....we are now at a stage when we should put emphasis more on the Faith than on our national background. The Orthodox Church is identified to any one people or country. It is a Universal (Catholic) Church, which adapts itself to the language, customs, and traditions of its members. It is just coincidental that we are Romanian Orthodox. The time will come when we will be American Orthodox. Most of the Churches in America still cling to the language, traditions and customs of the country from whence they came.....but it should never be done in the detriment of the FAITH. We see the sorry spectacle ...where old timers insist on their particular language and customs - and are very 'exclusivistic'. As long as you fall in line, you are 'accepted'. Otherwise you are made to feel at home, and eventually will drift away where you are 'wanted' and appreciate Parishes...(with)... this narrow and bigoted view are losing membership, as old-timers die. So....(dies also)....the national heritage. What have they gained....?it would be foolish to 'You cannot be an Orthodox if you are not Romanian'.....to uphold this would be heresy.....let us not be clannish.....let us use the English language....After all, we are in America.'

Archbishop Iakovos, in his Orthodox Sunday message, highlighted six points, but the particular point of pertinent interest hinged on his words: 'I urge you to recognize and correct the mistake that is being made concerning the future of Orthodoxy in America.....we place all the emphasis on the need to retain the language of the Church. Actually the language is only a teaching aid....'

- For true and complete fulfillment of Pan-Orthodoxy, in America, concessions as to the use of the English language must be made, both in the Worship Life and in the National Cultural tradition of the respective Jurisdictions. Without this, only a 'unity' in Faith is possible without 'unity' in purpose, as well, Orthodoxy, as a whole, must suffer in its American manifestation. This point becomes the 'gnat' that the 'nationalists' strain at. The 'nationalists' feel that everyone must come 'their way', that only 'their way' is the 'right way'. Archbishop Iakovos said: '...the language is only a teaching aid....' - ED.
- It would also be good to remember that the original Liturgy of the primitive Church was not in Russian, Greek, Serbian, Bulgarian, Albanian, or English; rather, it was in the Aramaic tongue used by the man-on-the-street of Palestine - Aramaic. From this, it is evident that 'each nationality' developed their own language-use, as well as national 'traditions'. Why should not, then, America develop its own language-use, as well as 'tradition'. - ED.

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